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Teaching 9/11, decades later

Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Sharp Creek Elementary School teacher Amber Bretzman, right, shows her fifth grade students the cover of the Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001 edition of the Huntington Herald-Press.

Local fifth grade teacher brings history to life through personal reflections

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday afternoon, Sharp Creek Elementary School teacher Amber Bretzman was sitting in a chair in front of the classroom of fifth-graders on the floor in front of her.

In her outstretched hand was the front page of the Huntington Herald-Press from Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001.

"This one says, 'AFTERMATH' and you notice now behind the Statue of Liberty that the towers are missing, aren't they?" said Bretzman.

A few students audibly agreed.

"Down here is the Pentagon, which I was talking about," said Bretzman, pointing to the bottom of the page.

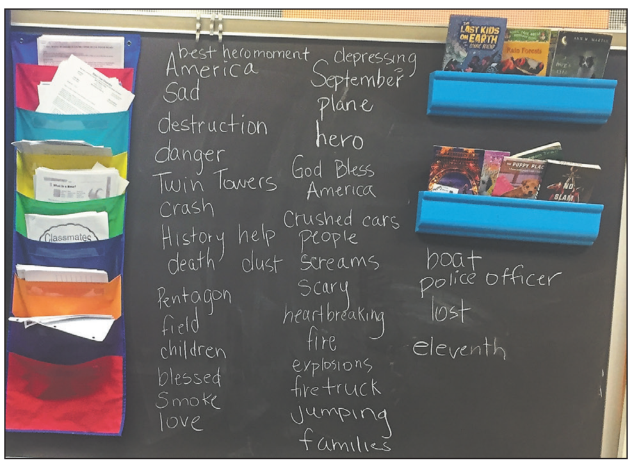
Bretzman said each year she shares the newspapers she kept from the actual day of the 9/11 attacks.

"I tell my story, I read poems and stories from children that were in New York. Finally, we write acrostic poems using words that we generate about 9/11, and then I print them and hang them as windows in two towers that I place outside in the hallway," said Bretzman.

An acrostic poem is one where the first letters of each line spell out a word. Several example words were written on the blackboard across the room, including "explosion," "heartbreaking" and "families."

Bretzman said she was a junior at Huntington University and an elementary education major on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001.

"I had friends whose families had been directly impacted by the attacks of 9/11 and it really shook our small college community. My mom was talking with me during this day and we were trying to process the magnitude of this tragedy. My mom decided that she was going to keep all the newspapers from 9/11, because I was living history, and it needed to be remembered and shared with students so it isn't forgotten," said Bretzman. "I am so grateful that my mother thought to save every newspaper for a month with articles and pictures about 9/11. I have shared these articles and photos with countless students. It has been years since I have taught students who were born prior to 2001 so sharing these first-hand accounts, pictures, and real history helps students to



Example words are written on a blackboard to help students compose their own poems about the event.

understand the significance and importance of remembering 9/11 the people, the heroes and a nation who banded together in unity during a terrible tragedy."

Bretzman said she was attending chapel at Huntington University when someone came out to tell them chapel was canceled for the day. The World Trade Center towers had been hit in New York and had collapsed. A third plane had crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

"This was before social media so we lived in a bit of a bubble and almost all students had no knowledge of this horrible tragedy that had happened early in the morning," said Bretzman.

Bretzman said she had a friend who was sitting next to her whose father worked at the Pentagon.

"She immediately began to cry and tried to call her father, and was unable to confirm her father's safety until late into the evening. Classes were canceled or we spent that time praying and watching the news during those that weren't. Students whose families lived on the east coast couldn't reach them until late evening, or they were sent emails to let them know if their loved ones were safe."

Bretzman said during this time of uncertainty, it was "unreal to watch and comprehend."

"I think it is important for

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NMPD seeking leads in home burglaries

Money was taken during both recent incidents

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After a pair of recent North Manchester home burglaries, police are now asking for the public's help in locating a suspect or suspects.

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, North Manchester Police Department (NMPD) Chief Jim Kirk said they would like anyone with information regarding the burglaries to contact them.

Kirk said the first incident occurred during the afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 31 when a suspect entered a house located around the 500 block of West 5th Street in North Manchester.

Kirk said the second incident occurred between 3 and 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 in the area of Walnut and 9th streets

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Inaugural Dam(n)!Man! Xtreme Triathlon kicks off this weekend

This will be the 12th year for the annual Dam To Dam Century Ride

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Early Sunday morning will mark the start of the 12th annual Dam To Dam Century Ride and the first-ever Dam(n)!Man! Xtreme Triathlon.

"The D!M! is actually much harder than an Ironman distance triathlon," said Visit Wabash County executive director Christine Flohr, on Wednesday.

Flohr said the triathletes will begin their swim at the Wabash County YMCA Pool at 5 a.m. at 500 S. Cass St. The rider check-in will take place inside the Wabash County YMCA at 6:30 a.m.

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Procession for fallen Marine planned for Sunday

Hearse carrying the body of Marine Corporal Humberto Sanchez expected to depart Grissom around 10:45 a.m.

By JARED KEEVER
Peru Tribune Editor

A procession to take a U.S. Marine, killed in Afghanistan, home to Logansport will leave from Miami County on Sunday morning.

The body of Marine Corporal Humberto Sanchez is expected to land at Grissom Air Reserve Base around 10:30 a.m. where Marines from Communication Company, Detachment 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 45 will perform what is called a "dignified transfer" from the arriving aircraft to the awaiting hearse for transport to a Logansport Indiana funeral home, a news release from the base's public affairs staff said.

His funeral is planned for Sept. 14.

Sanchez, 22, was among 13 U.S. military members killed in the suicide bombing at Afghanistan's Kabul airport in late August.

Eleven Marines, one Navy sailor and one Army soldier were among the dead, while 18 other U.S. service members were wounded in Thursday's bombing, which also claimed the lives of more than 160 Afghans. Officials have blamed the bombing on Afghanistan's offshoot of the Islamic State group.

The U.S. military said it was the most lethal day for American forces in Afghanistan since 2011.

Officials at Grissom and the Indiana State Police have announced the route for the procession that will return Sanchez to his hometown, anticipating that Hoosiers will turn out along the route to honor the soldier.

The procession is expected to leave the local base at 10:45 a.m. on the following route:

■ North on Foreman from the base,

■ West or left on SR 218 to US 35,

■ North or right on US 35 to East Main Street., (Logansport)

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Provided photo

These are the candidates for this year's Wabash High School homecoming court.

WHS plans 2021 homecoming parade

Annual event to begin after school Friday, Sept. 17

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash High School (WHS) has planned its annual homecoming celebration for next week.

On Thursday, Sept. 9, WHS special programs coordinator Amy Oswalt said the annual parade would begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

"The parade will start and end at the school," said Oswalt.

The parade route will begin at WHS at 580 N. Miami St., turn north on North Miami

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9/11 anniversary prayer services planned

The first event is scheduled to last from 7:14 to 9:11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Wabash City Park Large Pavilion. There will also be a prayer vigil beginning following the morning prayer event at approximately 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 9:11 p.m. at Common Ground Prayer House, 78 W. Hill St. To sign up for a time, visit www.praywabash.org or call or text Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047, Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072 or Angela Penix at 260-571-9809.

Salamonie to be open to teachers for free on Sunday

Teachers and their families will be able to visit any state parks, including Salamonie Lake, for free this weekend. Sunday, Sept. 12 will mark the Extra Yard for Teachers State Park Free Day. All Indiana teachers will be admitted free to any state park with a teacher ID. Five parks – Indiana Dunes State Park, Salamonie Lake, Patoka Lake, Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park and Brown County State Park – will feature giveaways, live music and food. Salamonie Lake will also have a Teacher Zone at the Beach Shelter, where teachers and their families may participate in giveaways and games at the shelter. For more information, visit IndyFootball2022.com.

Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for Monday

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Sept. 13, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend.

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my students to hear about 9/11 from a first-person perspective, just as it was important to hear my grandfather tell about the attack on Pearl Harbor when he was in high school. We need to remember these tragic times in history so we can learn from them and not have history repeat itself," said Bretzman.

Bretzman said once students hear about her own experiences, many of them also share their parents' stories with her.

"There are tears of empathy as they hear from families in videos we watch or read poems from students who were there in New York during that time and saw the planes outside their classroom windows and there is pride in our country that banded together during this time and in our heroes who stepped in to serve and help in the most scary of situations," said Bretzman.

After sharing her personal experiences and the newspapers from that time, Bretzman shared a few poems from the book "Messages To Ground Zero: Children Respond To September 11, 2001," which was collected by Shelley Harwayne with the New York City Board of Education, to inspire the students for their own poems.

One of the poems Bretzman read to her students was from Adria, a seventh-grader from Manhattan called, "I Don't Know."

Why did so many people have to die?
I don't know.
Candles lit in Union Square for each of their souls, canvassing the area to give their families some hope.
I don't know.
A school day turned into a nightmare.
I don't know.
A trip home turned into chaos and confusion.
I don't know.
I look down Third Avenue, and in place of the Twin Towers, I see a huge dark plume of smoke, smearing the sky with grey.
I don't know.
There's an eerie silence in my neighborhood, and then, once in a while the shattering sound of a siren – where is it going?
I don't know.
Why did so many people have to die?
I don't know.

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PROCESSION

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■ Right on East Main Street

■ Continuing west on East Main Street to Burlington Avenue

■ Turning north or right on Burlington, (Burlington turns into 3rd Street)

■ Continuing north to East Market Street

■ Turning east or right on East Market, continue east on Market Street to 18th Street

■ Turning north or left on 18th Street, staying on 18th Street for two blocks

■ Turning west or left onto Broadway for 1 ½ blocks and arriving at Gundrum Funeral Home on 1603 East Broadway

There will be a garrison flag positioned at Market and 8th Streets in Logansport, the state police said. The procession will stop there for approximately 30 seconds.

Grissom, a news release said, will enter quiet hours during the timeframe of the dignified transfer, from 9 a.m. to noon, and the base also will be restricted Sunday from off-base visitors, retirees, dependents and delivery vehicles to accommodate the privacy of the Sanchez family.

The dignified transfer is not a ceremony; rather, it is a solemn movement of the casket by a carry team composed of military personnel from the fallen member's respective service, the release said. It is conducted for every U.S. military member who dies in the theater of operation while in the service of their country. A senior ranking officer of the fallen member's service presides over each dignified transfer.

State Police recommended viewing areas along Foreman near the base, along State Road 218 and U.S. 35 in Walton, and along the entire route in Logansport, for those wishing to pay their respects.

Sanchez was among 17 members of his Logansport High School class who joined the military after their 2017 graduation, the school's principal said.

He played on the school's varsity soccer team and was in the homecoming court his senior year, according to Principal Matt Jones.

Jones called Sanchez a dedicated artist who took many art classes along with honors and dual credit college courses.

"Humberto was a bright, athletic young man who was popular, well-liked by his soccer teammates, classmates, coaches and teachers," Jones said. "He was honored to be putting on the Marine uniform and serving his country."

Sanchez and five others from his 240-person high school class enlisted in the Marines, while 11 joined other military branches, Jones said.

Several Indiana officials have released tributes to Sanchez, with U.S. Sen. Todd Young saying on Twitter that "we must never forget his bravery and his sacrifice."

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb asked for prayers for Sanchez's family.

"Few among us answer a call of duty so dangerous as Corporal Sanchez volunteered to do," Holcomb said in a statement. "In doing so, he made the ultimate sacrifice so others could live and find freedom."

This story contains reporting from The Associated Press. Jared Keever, Peru Tribune editor, may be reached by email at jkeever@perutribune.com.

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms
85 / 68	90 / 67	89 / 68	88 / 67	84 / 63

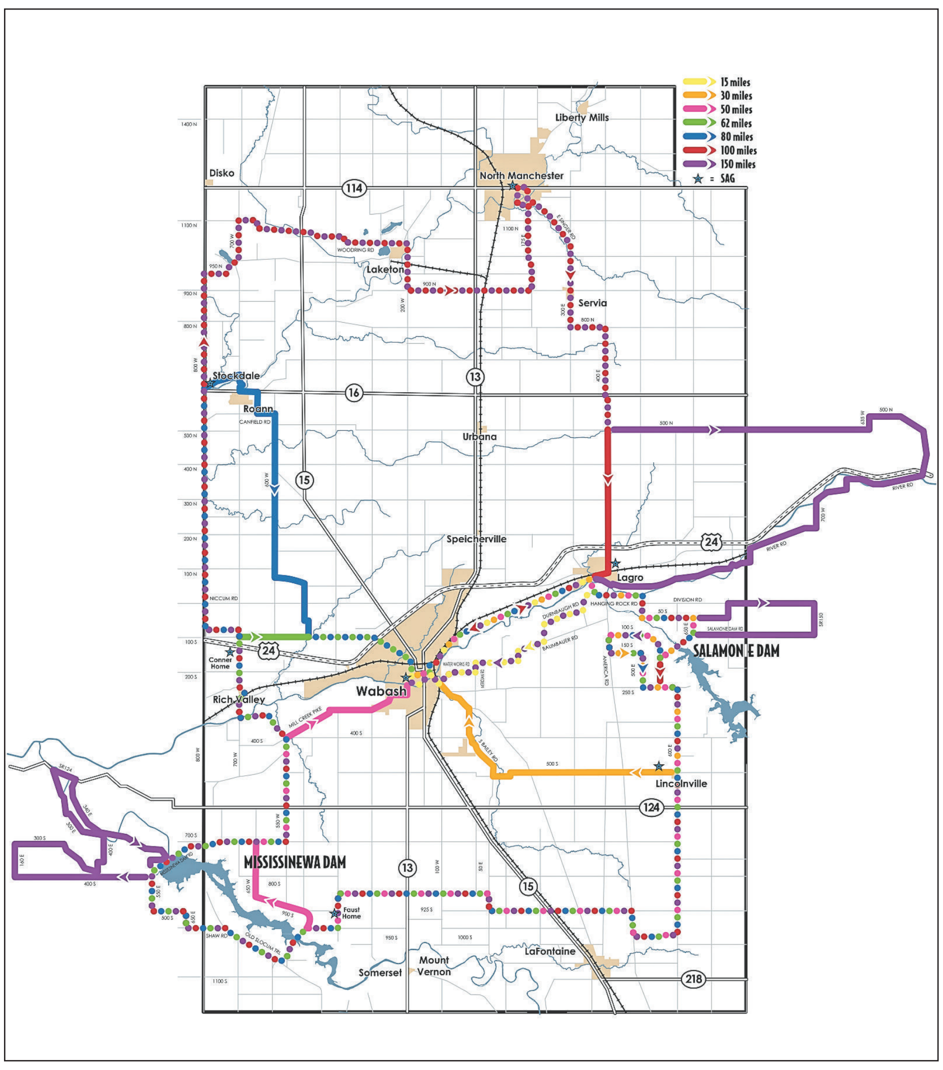
Sun and Moon

Today's sunset .... 7:57 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise .... 7:21 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
9/13	9/20	9/28	10/6

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high temperature of 85°, humidity of 51%. South wind 7 to 16 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 68°. South wind 11 to 14 mph. Sunday, skies will be mostly sunny, high temperature of 89°, humidity of 46%. South southwest wind 12 to 16 mph.



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This is a map of the various routers riders will take.

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The group start, with welcoming remarks from Mayor Scott Long, will begin at 8 a.m.

"We will be sending all riders down the new Wabash River Trail and the first ... stop is under the pavilion in Lagro," said Flohr.

The event will take place rain or shine with no inclement weather backup date.

"The director of Wabash County Emergency Management monitors the weather conditions closely," stated Visit Wabash County. "Should the event need to be canceled due to unsafe weather conditions, a notification will appear on the website and pushed via the Wabash County Adventure Series Facebook page. Please note that no refunds can be issued due to the advance purchase of hospitality services and support resources."

The bike course is completely open to all vehicular traffic.

"All riders are expected to obey cycling and traffic laws at all times. This means stopping at stop signs and stoplights and yielding to those with the right of way whenever necessary," stated Visit Wabash County.

In addition to Sunday's events, an advance check-in and packet pickup are set from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Wabash County YMCA. A spaghetti dinner has been planned from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge, 225 W. Main St.

From 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, a free celebration lunch will be served at the Wabash County YMCA, hosted by Miller's Merry Manor.

From noon to 5:30 p.m. the Elk's Lodge will also be having a tailgate in the YMCA parking lot welcoming all riders.

Suggested start times for departing for Dam to Dam are 7:30 a.m. for 150-mile riders, 8 a.m. for the group start with local Rock City Bike Club and all other route riders, and 8:30 a.m. for 30- and 15-mile riders.

"These suggested times are to help alleviate congestion on the bike trail," stated Visit Wabash County.

Breakaway Bike & Fitness Shop from Peru will be providing mechanical support for our ride "should you need any minor repairs or services."

Visit Wabash County also offered the following tips for the participating long-distance riders:

■ Miles 0 to 20: Hydrate early and often. Drink before you're thirsty and you'll be a lot happier at mile 95. Eat something solid like a nutrition bar. Even if you're still a bit full from breakfast, make sure you eat a full bar in the first hour.

■ Miles 20 to 50: Drink one to two 21 ounce bottles with electrolyte drink mix. Eat more solid food like an energy bar and add in some sugary food like a Powerbar Chew or banana.

■ Miles 50 to 70: This is the point on your 100-mile ride when your body begins to burn through its glycogen storage. This means you need to consistently refuel for good performance in the second 50 miles. We recommend a balance of quick-to-digest energy bars or chews. At this stage in the ride, eating a light meal would be fine as well. Think about getting the energy you need for miles 80-100 now.

■ Miles 70 to 150: This will likely be your last 75 to 120 minutes of riding. Drink at least one to two bottles of electrolyte hydration mix, and begin to introduce your short-term energy products. Gels and chews and other quick-to-digest nutrition work great at this stage of the ride. If you like using caffeine don't hesitate to use it, but be sure to drink enough to avoid further dehydration.

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Obituaries

D. Maxine Tyner Singleton

May 12, 1931 – Sept 8, 2021

D. Maxine Tyner Singleton, 90, of Wabash, Indiana, died 8:34 am, Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021, at Waterford Place Health Campus in Kokomo, Indiana. She was born on May 12, 1931, in Muncie, Indiana, to Fred and Hazel Mae (Hayden) Alexander.

Maxine was a 1950 graduate of Somerset High School. She worked at Wabash Magnetics for 29 years retiring in 1973. She first married Herman B. Tyner in Wabash on Nov 1, 1952; he died May 26, 1999. She then married Raymond Singleton in North Manchester, Indiana on Sept 1, 2000; he died May 8, 2018. Maxine was a member of Oasis Baptist Church in Wabash. She enjoyed doing crafts and audio visual music.

She is survived by four children, Phyllis Singleton, Mary Jane (Andy) Tyler, Jamie (Theresa) Singleton, and Jerry (Nancy) Singleton, all of Wabash, daughter-in-law, Sandy Singleton of North Manchester, Indiana, sister-in-law, Christobel Alexander of Kokomo, six grandchildren, Eric (Denise) Lynch, Andy (Shawna) Lynch, Ashley (Brad) Schlarb, and Katie Singleton, all of Wabash, Shaun Singleton of North Manchester, Lori Fluffer of Noblesville, Indiana, great-granddaughter, Madison Schlarb of Wabash, nieces and nephews, Brad (Karen) Alexander of Kokomo, and Pamela (Larry) Richards, both of Kokomo, Melody (Brian) Whidden of Elkhart, Indiana, Kitty (Richard) Moyer of Roann, Indiana, Connie (George) Loughman of North Manchester, and Deb Tyner of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son, Steve Singleton, and her brother, Clarence Alexander.

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Saturday, Sept 11, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brian Whidden officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Saturday.

Preferred memorial is American Diabetes Association.

The memorial guest book for Maxine may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Sharon Irene Ballee,

March 15, 1936 – Sept 6, 2021

Sharon Irene Ballee, 85, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 5:35 pm, Monday, Sept 6, 2021, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis, Indiana. She was born on March 15, 1936, in Wabash, to Ray and Lucille (Cole) Flook.

Sharon married Ernest C. "Ernie" Ballee in Denver, Indiana on Dec 6, 1952. He died Dec 31, 1996. She retired from General Tire/BTR in Wabash, on Sept 11, 1996 after 40 years. Sharon was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the V.F.W. Auxiliary, and the American Legion Auxiliary, all of Wabash. She enjoyed going to ball games, getting her nails done, and was an avid Indiana Pacers fan.

She is survived by three children, James A. (Priscilla) Ballee of Noblesville, Indiana, Kenneth E. (Rhonda) Ballee of Peru, Indiana, and Vincent E. (Doris) Wolf of Bunker Hill, Indiana; nine grandchildren, Christy (Jeremy) Herring and Jenny (Brant) Upchurch, both of Carmel, Indiana, Leyna (Jason) Washburn of Peru, Chad (Sara) Ballee of Saint Clair Shores, Michigan, Emily (Austin White) Ballee of Peru, Theresa (Garrett) Tabar of Bakersfield, California, and Tarah (Brian) Crowl of Pismo Beach, California, Andy (Jamie) Dausch and Robby Dausch, both of Bunker Hill; and 16 great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother, three sisters.

Funeral services will be 2 pm, Friday, Sept 10, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rick Baber officiating. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery. Friends may call 4-8 pm Thursday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is the charity of the donor's choice.

The memorial guest book for Sharon may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Jane Kinzie

Nov. 3, 1933 – Sept. 9, 2021

Jane Kinzie, 87, North Manchester, died Sept. 9, 2021. She was born Nov. 3, 1933 to Noah and Neta (Anderson) Boocher.

Surviving is her daughter, Ronda (Robert) Aldrich; sister, Anna Lee Boocher; grandchildren, Ashley Kinzie, Alyson (Christopher) Cadwallader, Adriane Kinzie, Noah Pendleton, and Ethan Pendleton; great-grandchildren, Teddy Boyd and Tilian Cadwallader.

Calling Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the North Manchester Old German Baptist Brethren Church, 12546 North S.R. 13, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin following calling. Burial will be at the North Manchester Old German Baptist Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Linda Lee Craft

Linda Lee Craft, 71, of Converse, passed away at 7:31 p.m. on September 6, 2021, at Methodist Hospital in Merrillville, Indiana.

Linda is survived by her sons, Ernie (Mikki Bishop) Kerlin, and Allen Craft; daughter, Frances Mathis; granddaughter, Casie Craft; brother, Mike (Diane) Kerlin, and sister, Nancy Floyd.

Calling hours for friends and family will be from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash, has been trusted with Linda Craft's final arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Linda L. Dyson

Memorial services for Linda L. Dyson, will be 10:30 am Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Friends may call from 9:30-10:30 am Saturday at the funeral home.

Sharon K. Gilbert

June 20, 1942 – Sept. 8, 2021

Sharon K. Gilbert, 79, North Manchester, died Sept. 8, 2021. Born on June 20, 1942 in Wabash, Sharon was the daughter of Robert Paul and Ruth Ellen (Smith) Tyner.

The loving memory of Sharon K. Gilbert will be forever cherished by her husband, Stephen Gilbert, North Manchester; daughters, Gayle Lynn (Kurt) Goshorn, Churubusco, Indiana and Deborah Sue (Jerry Hackworth) Gilbert, Mentone, Indiana; sister, Dianna (Glen) Buckler, Wabash, Indiana; and three grandchildren. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Ruth Tyner.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Dennis Butler

Dennis Butler was welcomed onto heaven's eighteenth green on Aug 17, 2021.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and his two older brothers. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; his sons David (Joyce) Butler, Cumming, GA; Daniel (Debra) Butler, Sandpoint, ID; his sister, Betty Bergstrand, Chapel Hill, NC; 5 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

A celebration of Dennis's life will be held at a later date.

Elizabeth Claire Gordon

July 30, 2020 – Sept. 6, 2021

Elizabeth Claire Gordon, 1, North Manchester, died Sept. 6, 2021. She was born on July 30, 2020 to Carli Hansford and Bryant Paul Gordon II.

Surviving is her mother, Carli Hansford; father, Bryant Paul Gordon II; brother, Bryant Paul Gordon III; sister, Gracelynn Paige Gordon; maternal grandparents, Douglas Hansford and Christine Marie Hansford; paternal grandparents, Bryant Paul (Pamela) Gordon I and Ann (Mark) Sheppard; and uncles and aunts, Brandon Hansford, Matthew Hansford, Justin (Tanya) Hansford, Krista Gordon, and Jennifer (Ruben) Pillado.

Services will be Monday, Sept. 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester.

John Marshall Brainard, Jr

Funeral services for John Marshall Brainard, Jr. were 10:00 am Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. David Phillips officiated, Susan Vanlandingham was the organist, and Michael Weibel was the vocalist. Memories were shared by family and friends. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Pallbearers were John's sons, Jay Brainard, Kevin Brainard, and Cory Brainard, grandsons, Zachary Brainard, Josh Brainard, Dyson Brainard, and Gavin Brainard. Honorary pallbearers were Cohen Brainard, Dale Brainard, Jared McDonald, Steve Powell, Trent Powell, and Ryan Rosen. Military honors were given by the Wabash VFW Post 286, and the US Army Honors Team

Claude Allan Brane

Claude Allan Brane, 82, a lifetime resident of LaFontaine, passed away at 6:29 a.m., on Sept 8, 2021, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 11, 2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940 with Pastor Susan Shambaugh officiating.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., on Friday, Sept 10, 2021, at the funeral home with Masonic Services at 7 p.m.

McDonald Funeral Homes, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana, has been trusted with Claude's arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Sept. 12 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The Morning Message will be, "Who Do You Say He Is," by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Sept. 12 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be John 1:14 with a sermon reflection titled, "Grace and Truth." Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

On Sunday, Sept. 12 at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, "Scattering Seed" from Matthew 13:1-23. The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Frieden. Children's Church is provided for the 10:30 a.m. service and will be attended by Holli Good and Brooke Swope. The recorded sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group the morning of Sunday, Sept. 12.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children's church or Sunday school at this time. Masks are recommended. On Sunday, Sept. 12, the sermon will be, "Take up your cross" based on Mark 8:27-38. On Sunday, Sept. 19, the sermon will be, "Anointing" based on James 5:13-20. On Sunday, Sept. 26, Pastor Doug Beal will be off, with plans to be determined. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on, "The Call for Making Disciples – From Outside." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Chris Sands, special music; Nancy Kolb, organ; and Rose Sands, piano.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. "All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us," said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Peter 5:10

OUR TAKE

Never forget

Twenty years ago, America woke up to a nightmare, a tragic scene that still affects us today.

Cable news brought us live scenes of the World Trade Center's twin towers as they were bombarded by hijacked planes, eventually crumbling to the ground in real time on screens across our country. The pictures being broadcast were often horrific, but even the most chilling scenes captured on film don't begin to explain the horrors endured by first responders and the innocent American citizens who lost their lives.

In Washington D.C., people dropped what they were doing and risked their safety to help people in the Pentagon, which also suffered a direct hit by a hijacked jetliner. In rural Pennsylvania, citizens, firefighters and medics did all they could to respond when another jetliner crashed into a meadow after the passengers aboard the aircraft valiantly thwarted hijacker's plans to target more innocent people's lives.

In the end, the attacks took nearly 3,000 lives – men, women and children.

Sept. 11 is about honoring the fallen – but it's also about celebrating the brave men and women who jumped into action to help those in most need. We must never forget the way our country came together after that fateful day when terrorists tried to rattle our free nation.

It's hard to believe that two decades have passed since the wounds still seem so painful. To our younger generations, we must teach them about what happened, how it changed our country and how we responded. We must also teach them about the errors we've made along the way, and how we can better avoid them in the future.

We will never be able to escape the sorrow that the anniversary of 9/11 will bring every year. Even though that tragic day was 20 years ago, our country is still making sense of what took place and the ramifications the attack brought to our country.

However, we can turn the anguish into hope by recalling the heroic stories that were published in the wake of such a terror-filled day. We can take a moment of silence to think about the nearly 5,000 members of our U.S. military who sacrificed their lives, the thousands injured and the other nearly 2,000 Americans lost in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that were caused by Sept. 11, 2001.

This Saturday, the Chronicle-Tribune hopes everyone takes a moment to reflect on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, whether that means participating in a memorial ceremony or taking a short moment of silence, in hopes that it might not ever happen again.

Sept. 11 will never be forgotten.

– Andrew Maciejewski / Rob Burgess

Lessons from Afghan refugees and September 11

Michael Hicks

On this anniversary of 9/11, many Americans will naturally feel conflicted about our role in Afghanistan. Whatever we each feel should be tempered by the realization that our fight against the extremists who attacked us 20 years ago is ongoing. We have forces deployed to dozens of nations in a conflict that will extend through the remainder of this century.

The choices we now face are how, when, and, at times, where to fight. Having spent almost a third of my adult life training, fighting and planning for war, I can assure you there are no easy choices. There are none without risk; none possessed of certainty; none that do not cost us treasure and youth. It is easy to cast blame for the collapse of Afghanistan's government because there's plenty to go around. I suggest we instead be concerned with drawing lessons from this experience. We must do better in this fight. We must also find ways to honor the unfinished work of those men and women, living and dead, who sacrificed in Afghanistan.

If there is something beautiful and noble to be taken from our experience, we need to look no farther than to the work now being done with Afghan refugees. Over the past few weeks, I've received several texts from three men participating in the relocation of refugees. I was best man at the weddings of two; the other was a college roommate. All three are retired military officers, one of whom fought in Afghanistan. These are hard, competent men with big hearts and a deep love for our great nation.

The work they now do should usher in the most popular immigrant group to ever come to our shores. American cities, particularly in the people-starved Midwest, should be lobbying hard to receive these Afghan immigrants. This population is mostly educated and is largely composed of families whose men fought alongside us against the Taliban and Al Qaeda.

This is a small group. Fewer Afghans will come to America than the number of people who crossed our southern border illegally in any single month of the Trump or Biden presidencies. Still, these immigrants are enough to help resurrect several struggling cities around the nation. Let me offer a simple example from the city where I live and work.

Suppose Muncie were to invite 500 families to relocate to the city. This number seems large, but it is really only two or three families for each church. An excess of 5,000 vacant homes dot our city, many of which are owned by the county. Surely the citizens of a great city could clean up and furnish 500 homes, provide clothing and basic appliances, and set up that many households. Our county's employers, who complain of a deep shortage of workers, should be anxious for an influx of talent.

This migration would bring 1,500 children back into beleaguered Muncie schools. They'd receive a large cash infusion from both the federal and state government. There are enough English-speaking adults among the refugees to hire translators and instructors. In three-to-five years, these children will be fluent in English and performing well, probably transformatively well, in school.

This may seem fanciful, but it is almost exactly what happened across the Midwest during our nation's heavy immigration period 1870–1914. This is the story of Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Milwaukee, Cincinnati and dozens of communities throughout the country. An influx of 500 Afghan families wouldn't rank among the top 10 migration episodes of Muncie's short municipal history, nor would it erase the population losses that are now beginning their sixth decade. Still, it is a rare chance for a few American cities to turn themselves around.

The American immigration story is almost wholly good. The Afghans now relocating to America may be the second-best educated group in history. This more resembles the European Jewish diaspora of the 1930s than any other period of immigration. Our enlightened economic self-interest should push us to welcome these families into our communities. However, there are more important reasons for welcoming them than local economic recovery.

Our nation leads a fight against a dangerous and adaptive enemy. The collapse of the Afghanistan government makes it more difficult to assemble allies. It also makes it harder to convince those who admire democracy to take risks in their own countries. These terrors suggest to the world that we hate true Muslims. A successful embrace of these Afghan refugees would help restore our damaged reputation. This is another moment when the decency and goodness of the American people must shine.

I take heart that public poll demonstrates that welcoming these refugees is overwhelmingly popular. There are a few demagogues warning that the trickle of Afghans will bring harm to the U.S. There is a long and abundant history to suggest they are flat wrong. But, don't take it from the economics professor who has studied it. Instead, ask yourselves what group has worked hardest to bring these refugees to safety, often at great personal risk. Of course, it is the veterans of our campaigns in Afghanistan. Let their actions speak loudest on this issue.

There are also those who fear the influx of these immigrants will alter the culture of our nation. Their low numbers make that unlikely, though our great national genius has a tradition of absorbing that which is good from other cultures, blending it, and making it our own. Some readers will feel some anxiety at change. Here I've tried to explain the national security and economic imperative of welcoming these refugees, and tied it to our long-term national interest on this solemn week of remembrance. Finally, on the point of refugees, I can appeal to higher authority – we are not asked to choose our neighbors, rather He commands us to love them.

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Reflections on 20 years since 9/11: More than ever, we need to live up to their legacy

Joseph Reagan

Over the past few days, I have had an opportunity to chat with several fellow veterans, service members, military family members and Gold Star families. It is beyond the obvious in saying that the past few days have been extraordinarily difficult for those with a personal connection to our mission in Afghanistan. My wife Tiffany and I are no different.

Earlier this week, a CNN reporter broadcast from a base in Andar, Afghanistan – this was a base that my soldiers and I built, it's the base where I was wounded in 2006. Seeing it on the screen brought back a lot of memories – good and bad. When we first secured Andar we were using an open space adjacent to the district center compound where I lived with the local governor to land helicopters. Unbeknownst to us – that open space was a cemetery.

One day the elder approaches me and says you're landing helicopters in our cemetery, and this is deeply disrespectful. We talked for hours and right as the villagers and the elders were satisfied that we intended no harm and that we had agreed on a new place to land helicopters I heard the distinct sound of a far-off Chinook Helicopter. Despite my best efforts to wave them off, two giant Chinooks land right in front of us in the cemetery, sandblasting the entire group of gathered elders in the process, and effectively undoing all the goodwill I had just spent hours building. Of the 847 days I spent serving in Afghanistan, every single one was like that day. A few steps forward, a few steps back.

In my conversations with fellow veterans, their memories are about the same. The question that keeps coming up: was this worth it?

Unfortunately, most are having a hard time answering that question. There's a term for that: moral injury. Moral injury is the mind's response to actions or memories that violate a person's values and beliefs – some might say it's an injury to your soul. For 20 years, the full weight of the War on Terror fell on the shoulders of less than 1 percent of us. 2.7 million Americans voluntarily answered the call to serve, .7 percent of the U.S. population to be precise. 7,057 never came home, another 30,177 came home only to take their own lives.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, my generation of veterans has been fortunate to have a grateful nation behind us – I attribute this to our Vietnam and Korean War Veterans who after 9/11 were adamant that my generation received a proper welcome home and proper access to care, something many of them never received. Believe me when I say, all of us appreciate that gratitude – but over the past few days, the resounding impression I get from talking to my fellow veterans is that "thank you for your service" has lost its meaning. Many veterans have begun to see this as a hollow or superficial gesture, people say it because that's what you're supposed to say.

Like most veterans, on my right wrist, I wear a silver bracelet, I have a collection of them, but they all look the same. Most people assume it's a medical alert bracelet, but if you look closely each bracelet is inscribed with the name of a friend or colleague I've lost, either to our enemies abroad, or the demons within. I wear the bracelet so that I can read their name, when I shake hands when I render a salute, when I play with my kids, while I type these words, their names are always with me. Almost every veteran I know does this. We do this because it inspires us, they inspire us. They sacrificed their tomorrow so that we could have our today – and that is not something to be taken lightly. We have an obligation to live up to their legacy, we must make those sacrifices matter, and what we're seeing today should only strengthen our resolve to do so.

As we reflect as a nation on the current situation in Afghanistan and on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, I think it is more important than ever to remind ourselves of the unity that existed immediately following the 9/11 attacks. On 9/12 there was no doubt in anyone's mind that we would prevail, there was no doubt that we were stronger together. Now, 20 years later, we should focus our efforts on those elements that unify us, those elements of our history that make us stronger, those elements that define American exceptionalism.

To the brave men and women who volunteered and to your families, and the families of the fallen. The sacrifices you made – and your families made – were not in vain. What we are witnessing today is not our failure, this is not our burden to bear. Having had the privilege of serving alongside so many amazing Americans (and allied service members, as well), quite frankly I'm tremendously proud of what you were able to accomplish, and I hope you are too. The fact is you carried more than your fair share – and you are stronger because of it.

It's OK to not be OK right now. Take some time to reconnect with old friends, remind ourselves about that time we were handed a mission, given no resources to execute the mission, and somehow figured out how to make it work. Let's take that problem-solving mindset into our next mission. There's a lot of work to be done – your country and your communities need strong leaders like you to tackle tough problems and solving tough problems are what we do best.

Adlai Stevenson II said, "Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." I can think of no better way to demonstrate our gratitude for the sacrifices of our Service Members, veterans, and their families than by reaffirming our commitment to service, to each other, to our communities, and our nation.

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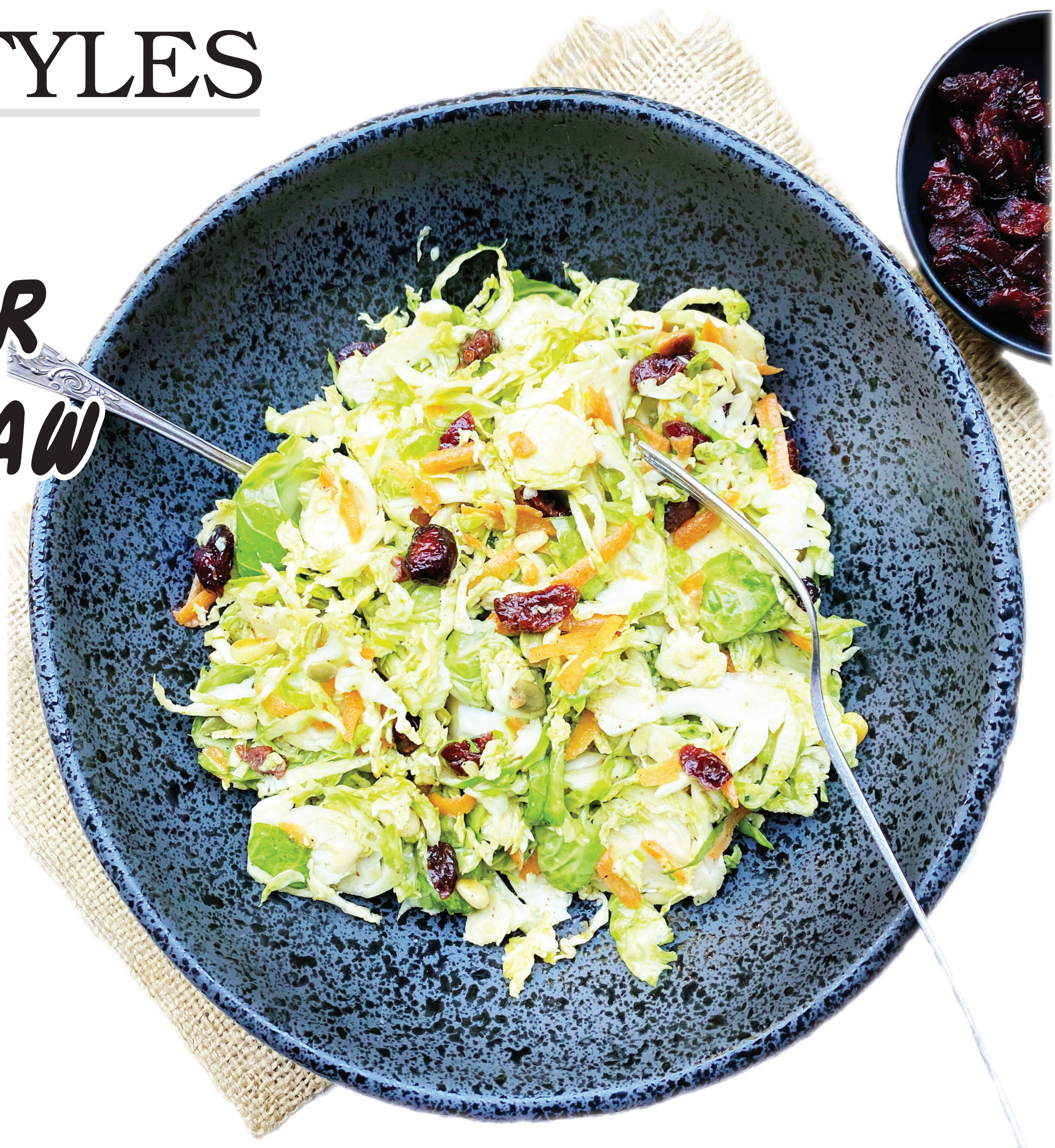

Are you looking for a coleslaw to carry you through the fall season? A slaw you might even consider inviting to the holiday table? This recipe obliges with an autumnal touch to the traditional summery cabbage coleslaw. In place of cabbage, the favorite fall vegetable – aka the Brussels sprout – steps up to the plate.

OK, OK, I know that Brussels sprouts are not everyone's favorite vegetable, but hear me out. The Brussels sprouts in this recipe are not cooked (it's the cooking process that will often unleash the dreaded sulfurous aroma that is off-putting to many). This recipe keeps the sprout raw and may, just may, get a few sprout haters to accept this little crucifer on their dinner plate.

Lynda Balslev

In this slaw, thinly sliced or shredded Brussels sprouts take over the role that cabbage plays in a traditional coleslaw, which is a reliable crunchy vegetable that will stand up to robust and sharp dressings and won't go soggy, even after a night in the refrigerator. And while it's reasonable to assume that Brussels sprouts are actually a small cabbage, they are not, despite the resemblance. They are, however, in the same family, and classified as brassicas or a crucifer, all of which tend to be sturdy and earthy and maintain a pleasant crunch.

This recipe certainly leans toward fall and even has a whiff of the holidays with orange and cranberries. The slaw is dressed with a sweet and sharp mustard dressing, and pine nuts add a toasty crunch. Feel free to substitute almonds or walnuts for the pine nuts. You can serve the slaw right away, but if you have the time, refrigerate it for an hour or two to let the flavors develop.

Brussels Sprouts Slaw

Active time: 20 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes, plus chilling time
Yield: Serves 4

1 pound Brussels sprouts
1 large carrot, coarsely grated
1/3 cup dried cranberries
3 tablespoons lightly toasted pine nuts (or 1/4 cup chopped toasted almonds or walnuts)
1/2 teaspoon finely grated orange zest

Dressing

1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon fresh orange juice
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon honey
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Trim the ends of the Brussels sprouts and discard any spotted leaves. Either shred the sprouts in a food processor, or very thinly slice with a paring knife or a mandoline. (I prefer to slice so the Brussels sprouts maintain some of their shape.) Transfer the Brussels sprouts to a large bowl and add the carrot, cranberries, pine nuts and orange zest.

Whisk the dressing ingredients in a small bowl. Pour half of the dressing over the Brussels sprouts and stir to thoroughly coat. Taste for seasoning and add more dressing to your taste and preferred consistency. Refrigerate for at least one hour or up to 24 hours. Serve cold or at room temperature.

Four steps to rebuild your financial life after COVID

After the storm comes the cleanup – and the quandary of what to fix first.

The devastation following Hurricane Ida made me think of the monetary wreckage wrought by the coronavirus. The pandemic hasn't flooded any homes, but it certainly has caused a lot of financial damage.

Michelle Singletary

There are millions still in the midst of this economic storm. The end to the national eviction moratorium for renters will no doubt leave many people without a secure place to live. Others are still out of work or have had their hours cut as the United States continues to battle an increase in coronavirus cases.

But many people are starting to recover. They are back to work. They have been able to negotiate to stay in their apartments or hold on to their homes. So the question you might be asking is this: What should I do now if I'm in the recovery phase of the pandemic?

Here are four steps to financial recovery after COVID:

Get caught up.

In the first stage of your recovery, focus on catching up on overdue bills or loans. If you're about to exit a forbearance for your home or other loans or credit card debt, make sure you are negotiating a repayment plan you can manage.

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (Cares) Act, borrowers with federally backed mortgage loans could ask for an initial forbearance of up to 180 days. If additional relief was needed, they were entitled to a 180-day extension. Interest still accrues, but fees and penalties are waived. The Biden administration has extended the forbearance enrollment window through Sept. 30.

Borrowers with mortgages covered by the Cares Act have a number of repayment options, including taking the delinquent balance and adding it to the back end of the loan. The past-due payments would effectively extend the term of the loan.

If you deferred other debt, work with your creditors to come up with a realistic plan to catch up. Please, don't promise what you can't afford. If you need help negotiating with creditors, get assistance from a nonprofit consumer counseling agency by going to the website for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (nfcc.org). You can also call (800) 388-2227.

Replenish your rainy-day fund.

The pandemic unleashed a flood of financial strife that may have decimated your emergency fund, and that's OK. If you're able, start rebuilding this all-important safety net (or start one, if you never had a rainy-day fund). You might be inclined to concentrate only on paying down your debts, but don't ignore the need to have a small savings cushion. If you don't save something and you have a financial emergency, your only option may be to borrow again, and you want to avoid this while you're in recovery mode.

Although the recommended stash is three to six months of living expenses, don't put too much pressure on yourself to reach that goal right away. Start with enough savings to get you to your next paycheck.

Here's another important thing to consider. In a June CreditCards.com survey, more than 4 in 10 U.S. adults said they were willing to take on debt for discretionary purchases in the second half of 2021. I know you may be anxious to treat yourself now that things are better, but don't splurge until you've stabilized your financial situation, and that means having a healthy emergency fund.

Repair your credit.

Start by taking a look at your credit reports from the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

You can get your credit report via AnnualCreditReport.com. Federal law entitles you to a free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each credit reporting company. But during the pandemic, the three credit bureaus are giving consumers free access to the reports on a weekly basis. The offer was supposed to have ended this year. However, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion announced that free weekly access to credit reports will be extended until April 20, 2022.

Your bank or credit card lender may offer a free credit score. If it does, definitely take a look. If none of your financial institutions offers a free score, I like the free credit-score report from Discover at creditscorecard.com.

There are no shortcuts to strengthening your credit score. You do not need to pay any company to help you restore your credit history if it took a hit during the pandemic. Under the FICO credit scoring system, 35 percent of your credit-score calculation is your payment history and 30 percent is determined by how much debt you're carrying. The two major ways to improve your credit are paying your bills on time and reducing your debts. Seriously, that's it.

Rebuild your retirement savings

If you stopped saving for retirement or reduced your contributions, get back into this habit once you have a better footing on your finances. If your company offers matching contributions, put in enough to get the match. But if you're still deeply in debt or lack emergency funds, start there first and then boost your retirement savings next.

The important thing is to take it slow and not feel rushed to get back on track if you lost your job or had a disruption in your income. Your recovery from the financial calamity the coronavirus caused might be a long process, so give yourself permission to take as much time as you need to rebuild after this storm.

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Luscious Citron lantana soft-pedals yellow into your heart

By NORMAN WINTER
Tribune News Service (TNS)

When I was asked to trial the new Luscious Citron lantana my first thought was: Why in the world do we need another yellow lantana? But six months later, I know the answer. It has to do with butterflies. I'll get to that in a minute.

Let's start by looking at the color orange. There is a huge group of gardeners that think orange is too gaudy for the garden. The Garden Guy loves orange and the more "Good Lawdy How Gaudy" the better. We know, however, that once we tone it down or neutralize it a little by changing it to apricot or salmon, this group of gardeners will accept. It is like soft-pedaling orange.

Another large group feels the same way about yellow. There is a reason the school bus is yellow. It gets immediately noticed; it grabs all the attention. How do you soft-pedal yellow, so to speak? Welcome the Luscious Citron lantana, making its debut in 2022. Some might call it a pastel, but if you have ever seen a citron fruit, this nails it.

Luscious Citron will soft-pedal the color yellow into every gardener's heart. This is a lantana with a wonderful habit reaching 30 inches tall and wide. If it ever sets a fruit, it is unknown to me, as those I planted have not had the first one. It simply just keeps growing and blooming at the right pace.

I used Luscious Citron in and around Pugster Blue and Lo & Behold Ruby Chip buddleias. Both are compact in habit and made perfect companions in color combinations and their ability to bring in an assortment of pollinators.

I found it particularly thrilling to see that Luscious Citron was featured at the Young's Plant Farm 2021 Garden Tour in Auburn Alabama. They combined it with Augusta Lavender Blue heliotrope, also making its debut in 2022, and Truffula Pink gomphrena. To be honest, this partnership was incredible and looked as though it was a palette of pastels designed by an artist.

Luscious Citron will bring the series to 11 colors. Their needs are simple – they need plenty of sun, and fertile, well-drained soil. Proven Winners touts their cold-hardiness as perennial in zones 9 and warmer, and thus a terrific annual in zones 8 and colder.

I am growing Luscious Golden Gate, Citrus Blend, Royale Cosmo and Marmalade. In my zone 8a garden all returned from last winter, which had a lot of freezing hours, but no record cold. We will see what happens this winter. My experience says they will be more cold-hardy the second year.

Despite all the other butterfly nectar options, the Luscious Citron has been a favorite. Giant swallowtails, Easter tiger swallowtails and spicebush swallowtails have all been regulars feeding on the blooms. The smaller American lady butterflies have also made frequent visits.

As a horticulturist my most frequent question on lantanas is that once the blooming has stopped, what can I do? Lantanas need to be kept in an active state of growth for continual blooms. Cutting back to stimulate growth, feeding and watering during drought periods are all part of regimen over a long hot summer.

Luscious Citron has the ability to keep blooming until frost, rivaling any other plant in the garden. I hope you will give it a try. I am sure it will soft-pedal yellow into your heart, too.

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @NormanWinterTheGardenGuy.

Remembering 9-11

A timeline of the morning of September 11, 2001

On the morning of September 11, 2001, 19 terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes bound for California. The planes departed from airports in Boston; Newark, NJ; and Washington, D.C. September 11 would become an infamous date in American and world history, and the events of that day would forever change the world. As the world commemorates the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the following timeline, courtesy of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, can help people fully understand how events unfolded on that late-summer morning two decades ago.

- **5:45 a.m.:** Two of the hijackers pass through security at Portland International Airport in Maine. The men will take a short flight to Boston Logan International Airport, where they will join three other hijackers and board American Airlines Flight 11.
- **6:00 a.m:** Two of the hijacked planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, will eventually crash into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City. The day was a significant one on the New York City political calendar, as polling stations opened at 6 a.m. for primary elections.
- **7:59 a.m.:** American Airlines Flight 11 takes off from Boston with 11 crew members, 76 passengers and five hijackers on board. The plane, which will eventually crash into the North tower at the World Trade Center, is filled with more than 76,000 pounds of fuel.
- **8:15 a.m.:** United Airlines Flight 175 takes off from Boston with nine crew members, 51 passengers, and five hijackers on board. This flight also is loaded with 76,000 pounds of fuel.
- **8:19 a.m.:** American Airlines ground personnel are alerted by flight attendant Betty Ann Ong that Flight 11 is being hijacked. This call lasts roughly 25 minutes and Ong reports that the cockpit is unreachable. In the moments before Ong's call, one of the hijackers stabbed Daniel M. Lewin, who was sitting in front of him in first class. Lewin is likely the first person killed in the 9/11 attacks.
- **8:20 a.m.:** American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport. The flight has 49,900 pounds of fuel and is carrying six crew members, 53 passengers and five hijackers.
- **8:21 a.m.:** The transponder on Flight 11 is turned off. This device is meant to allow air traffic controllers to identify and monitor the flight path of a plane.
- **8:24 a.m.:** One of the hijackers of Flight 11 unwittingly broadcasts a message to air traffic controllers alerting them to the attacks. The hijacker was attempting to communicate with passengers and crew within the cabin.
- **8:30 a.m.:** Around this time, roughly 80 people have already begun gathering on the 106th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center for a financial technology conference. The conference is one of many events on the Trade Center schedule that day.
- **8:37 a.m.:** The Boston Air Traffic Control Center alerts the military that a hijacking is under way.
- **8:42 a.m.:** United Airlines Flight 93 takes off from Newark International Airport. The flight was due to take off at roughly the same time as the other hijacked planes, but was delayed due to routine traffic. Seven crew members, 33 passengers and four hijackers are on board. The flight is filled with 48,700 pounds of fuel.
- **8:46 a.m.:** Five hijackers crash Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Hundreds, including everyone on board the flight, are killed instantly. The crash severs all three emergency stairwells, trapping hundreds of people above the 91st floor.
- **8:46 a.m.:** Police, paramedics and firefighters are sent to the North Tower.
- **8:50 a.m.:** While visiting an elementary school in Florida, U.S. President George W. Bush is notified that a small plane has hit the North Tower.
- **8:52 a.m.:** A flight attendant aboard Flight 175 reaches a United Airlines operator in San Francisco and reports the flight is being hijacked. By 9 a.m., various passengers on Flight 175 have called family members.
- **8:55 a.m.:** The Port Authority informs people inside the South Tower via a public address system that the building is secure and there is no need to evacuate.
- **8:59 a.m.:** The Port Authority Police Department orders both towers evacuated. One minute later Captain Anthony Whitaker expands the order to include all civilians in the entire World Trade Center complex.
- **9:02 a.m.:** An evacuation order is broadcast in the South Tower.
- **9:03 a.m.:** Five hijackers crash Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower. All onboard the flight are killed, as are an unknown number of people inside the building. Two of the three emergency stairwells are impassable and most elevator cables are severed, trapping many people above the impact zone and inside elevator cars.
- **9:03 a.m.:** A second call for mobilization brings the total number of New York City Police Department officers responding to the scene to roughly 2,000. In addition, the FDNY issues a fifth alarm and deploys several hundred additional firefighters to the scene.
- **9:05 a.m.:** President Bush is informed that a second plane has crashed into the World Trade Center.
- **9:12 a.m.:** Flight attendant Renée A. May calls her mother and tells her that hijackers have seized control of Flight 77. When May's call is disconnected, she calls American Airlines.
- **9:30 a.m.:** Amidst reports of additional hijacked planes, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management at 7 World Trade Center is evacuated.
- **9:37 a.m.:** Hijackers crash Flight 77 into the Pentagon. All 53 passengers and six crew members perish, and 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground are killed in the fire caused by the crash.
- **9:42 a.m.:** The Federal Aviation Administration grounds all flights, ordering all civilian planes in United States airspace to land. Departures also are prohibited.
- **9:45 a.m.:** Evacuations at the White House and the U.S. Capitol begin. Both the House of Representatives and Senate are in session at the time the evacuation begins.
- **9:58 a.m.:** Flight 93 is flying so low to the ground that passenger Edward P. Felt is able to reach an emergency 911 operator in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.
- **9:59 a.m.:** The South Tower collapses after burning for 56 minutes. The tower collapses in just 10 seconds.
- **9:59 a.m.:** Continuity-of-government procedures are implemented for the first known time in American history.
- **10:03 a.m.:** Four hijackers crash Flight 93 into a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. All 33 passengers and seven crew members on board perish. Passengers and crew had stormed the cockpit, and the plane ultimately crashes just 20 minutes' flying time from Washington, D.C.
- **10:15 a.m.:** The E Ring of the Pentagon collapses.
- **10:28 a.m.:** The North Tower collapses after burning for 102 minutes. More than 1,600 people are killed as a result of the attack on the North Tower.
- **11:02 a.m.:** New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani urges the evacuation of lower Manhattan.
- **12:16 p.m.:** The last flight still in the air above the continental United States lands. Within two and a half hours, U.S. airspace has been cleared of roughly 4,500 commercial and general aviation planes.

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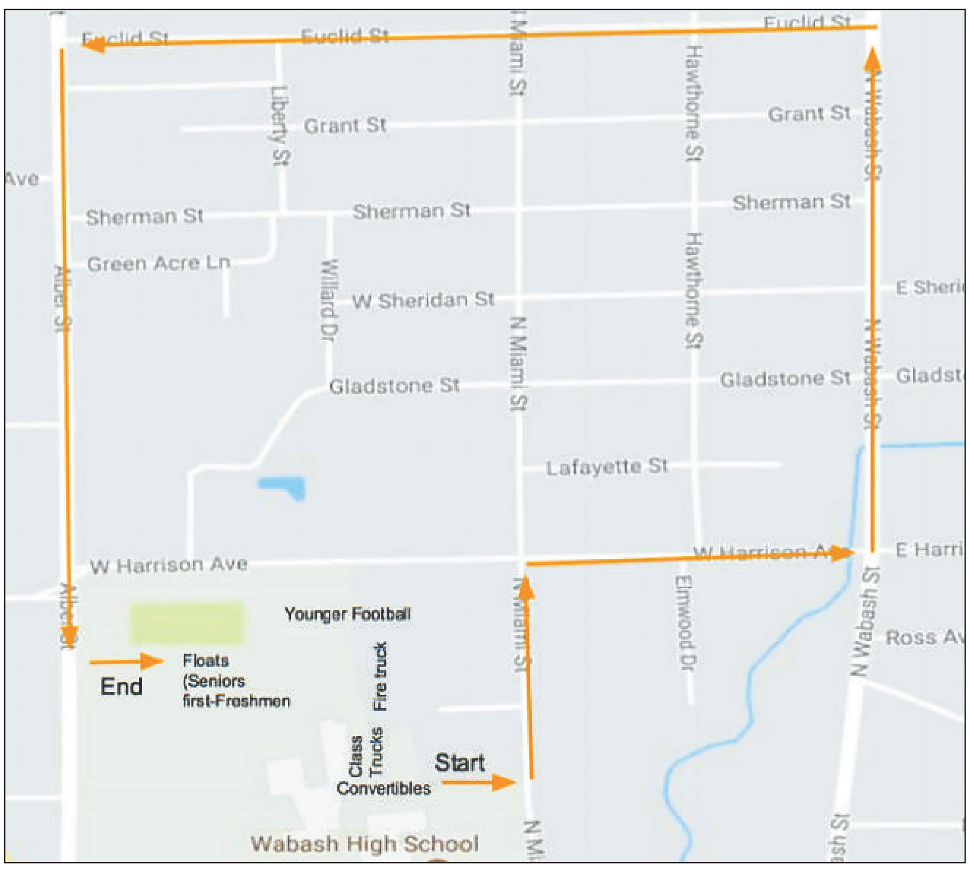

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This is the planned route for this year's Wabash High School homecoming parade.

PARADE

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Street, turn east on West Harrison Avenue, turn north on North Wabash Street, turn west on Euclid Street, turn south on Alber Street and then return to WHS.

Oswalt said the homecoming court will practice during lunchtime on Friday, Sept. 17 on the WHS football field.

The WHS football team will then take the field against Southwood High School at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

Oswalt said the candidates for homecoming court are:

■ Ninth grade: Hadley Schuler, Ty Carpenter, Emma Weaver and Jonas Church.

■ 10th grade: Anna Simpson, Ashton Grant, Kierra Wilson and Izaak Wright.

■ 11th grade: Abbie Boggs, Alvaro Casado Martinez, Aubrey Till and Aiden Patton.

■ 12th grade: Sydney Baker, Chayden Beeks, Kalista Ballschmidt, Jared Brooks, Anne Cole, Wyatt Buzzard, Kasey Long, Mason Dillon, Macy Niccum, Andrew Dinkins, Brooke Westendorf and Alex Weaver.

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BURGLARIES

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in North Manchester.

Kirk said at the time of the burglary the suspect was wearing a blue T-shirt, tan shorts and black tennis shoes.

Kirk said the suspect is a white male between 50 to 70 years old, with white hair and standing around 6 feet tall.

"Both times money was taken. The suspect or suspects are looking for purses and wallets in the houses and taking money from them. They may steal other property as well," said Kirk.

Kirk said anyone with information in these cases may call NMPD Det. Sgt. Randy Miller at 260-982-8556.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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PULSE

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Join Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources State Parks division. She will be sharing information about the many uses of milkweed plants. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. The main dish of baked spaghetti is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A $1 donation will be accepted to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

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Sports

Shock's golden goal propels MU

By DILLON BENDER

First-year Lainey Shock scored the golden goal in the 92nd minute to propel the Manchester University women's soccer team to a thrilling 1-0 overtime victory visiting Huntington University on Tuesday evening.

The Spartans were able to keep the Foresters off of the scoreboard during regulation to force extra time.

An early foul in overtime by the Foresters setup a free kick for the Black and Gold. Sophomore Peyton Horn, from Crown Point and Andrean High School, whipped the free kick into the box that eventually found the foot of Lainey Shock, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, who was able to squeeze a shot into the upper left corner of the net past Huntington goalkeeper Ireland Aerni to lift the Spartans to their first win of the season.

Huntington outshot the Spartans 15-5 on the day, however, Manchester was able to score when it mattered most.

Both Becca Colbert, from Porter and Chesterton High School, and Cate Bennett, from Hartford City and Blackford High School, split time in goal for Manchester and combined for nine saves en route to a clean sheet. Colbert made six saves in the opening half. Bennett made three saves on the day.

The win was the first career coaching victory for new Manchester coach Katie Mitchell.

The Spartans (1-1) will have eight days in between their next contest. The Black and Gold will travel to Calvin University on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Next Wednesday's match against the Knights is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Dillon Bender is sports information director for Manchester University.

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Manchester volleyball drops road match

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University volleyball team was able to grind out a 30-28 first set victory, however, the host Albion Britons were able to rally past the Spartans in the second, third, and fourth sets for a 3-1 victory on Wednesday evening.

The Britons claimed the second, third, and fourth sets by scores of 25-18, 25-16 and 25-11.

The Spartans took the marathon first set after hitting .237 as a unit. After the opening set, the Spartans' offense slowed as MU hit only .111, .114 and -.069 in sets two through four.

Albion's offense was tough to counter as the Britons hit .290 in Wednesday's match.

Manchester was led by Halle Planck's, from Gas City and Mississinewa High School, 11 kills. Sara Shultz, from Churubusco and East Noble High School, added 8 kills and a team-leading .368 hitting percentage.

Carly Ripberger, from Tipton, tallied 31 assists on the evening while Rachael Ressler, from Tipton, posted a team-leading 18 digs. Helaina Walters, from Marion and Eastbrook High School, had 5 service aces.

Manchester (3-2) will head to Cincinnati, Ohio this weekend for the Mount St. Joseph Invitational. The Black and Gold took on Greenville and Anderson on Friday evening. They will face off against Mount St. Joseph and Wilmington on Saturday morning.

Albion moved to 4-1 with the victory.

WABASH VARSITY TENNIS FALLS TO ROCHESTER

Photo by Patrick Murphy / Rochester Sentinel

Wabash's TJ Fritter serves in a doubles match on Wednesday against Rochester. Fritter was paired with Colton Sellers in the match.

Spartans men's soccer falls in OT

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men's soccer team dropped a heartbreaking 1-0 decision in overtime against the University of St. Francis.

With both teams playing to a scoreless draw after regulation, it was the visiting Cougars who managed to net the golden goal in extra time.

In the 98th minute, USF's Tobias Kuhn fired a cross into the box from the far side that was headed in by Cesar Valdez.

For the game, St. Francis outshot Manchester 11-9. The Spartans held a 5-4 advantage in corners taken.

The Black and Gold had a few near misses at goal during Wednesday's contest. In the 16th minute, Ian Bowron, from Fishers, put a header on target that hit the crossbar. Later on, in the 79th minute, Harley Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, led a counter and was able to find Ruben Gonzalez, from Sylvania, Ohio, and Sylvania Northview High School, whose shot was saved by a diving Gabriel Vessely.

Manchester (0-3-1) will look to rebound this weekend when the Spartans host a pair of home matches. Manchester hosted Webster on Friday at Spartan Stadium and will host Greenville at 3 p.m. Saturday at Good Field.

Spartans sweep HCAC athlete awards

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University cross country programs swept this week's Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Athlete of the Week Awards as both Elizabeth Lohman and Enrique Salazar earned the weekly accolade from the league office on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Elizabeth Lohman, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, had a strong outing in her Manchester debut on Saturday morning in Michigan. Lohman placed ninth overall in a field of 115 runners at the Calvin Invite. Lohman's time of 22:41.6 was good enough to rank her eighth on the all-time top 50 listings at Manchester.

Enrique Salazar, from Plymouth, was the top overall finisher on the men's side for Manchester this past weekend, placing sixth overall in a field of 184 competitors. Salazar clocked in a time of 25:12.3 – a 24-second improvement of a previous career-best and the second-best mark in school history.

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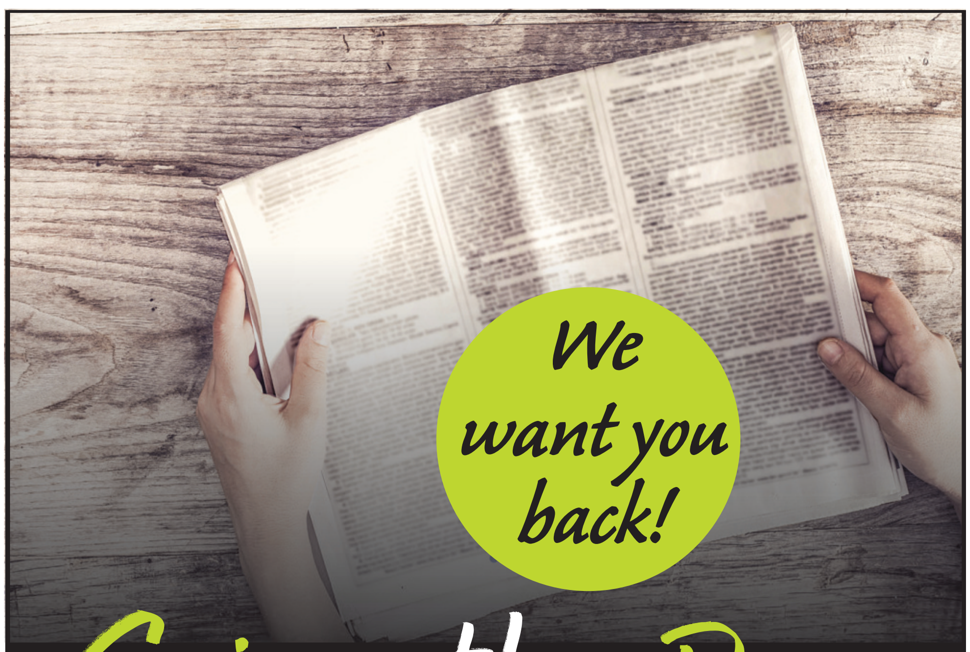

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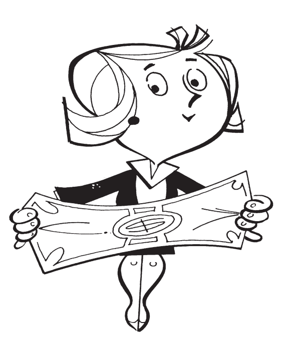

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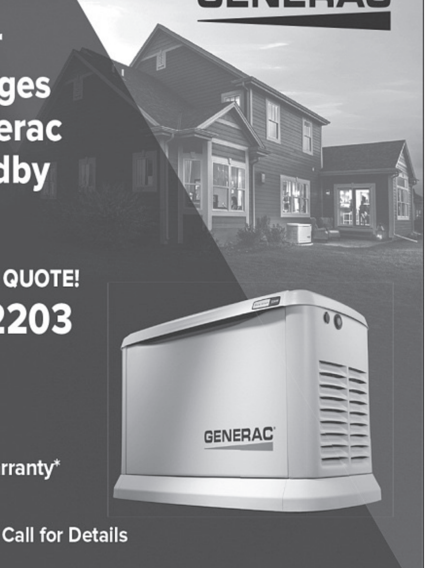

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM WAYNE UNGER, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Stephanie Gottschalk, Emily France and Thomas Unger were on the 30th day of August, 2021 appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of William Wayne Unger, deceased.
All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated in Wabash, Indiana this 30th day of August, 2021.
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Teen navigates opposing currents of reality, religion

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl, and I've been struggling a little bit. My family is super-Christian. They believe that members of the LGBTQ community are sinful because of who they are. I do not agree.

I have a small group of friends. Two of them have come out to me as bi and gender-fluid. When my family talks about gay people, they say horrible things. I want to tell them what they are saying is wrong and that the mean comments they make apply to my friends, but I'm afraid to give them my opinion. I'm unsure whether I should say anything at all. Can you help me? – Keeping Quiet In California

DEAR KEEPING QUIET: You are free to think the way you do, and to support your friends. However, you are not likely to change the way your parents feel on this subject. Your friends have come out to you, but not to your parents. If you out them to your parents, they may forbid you from seeing those friends. In two years, you will be 18, legally an adult and more able to express your thoughts with fewer negative ramifications. If I were you, I'd wait.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was annoyed and upset by a cricket in the house. He had used insect spray, but it was still chirping, so he asked me to take care of it. I told him I didn't know how to get rid of a cricket, since we didn't know where it was exactly. He was banging around the utility room. I called his name and asked him where he had sprayed – no answer. I asked again. No response. I then used his full name, and he got upset that I did! He said it was disrespectful and that I was "treating him like a child."

I apologized if I had hurt his feelings, but he's still upset with me because I don't agree it was disrespectful. Am I wrong? IS it disrespectful to use your husband's full name when trying to get his attention? – Sad In Nevada

DEAR SAD: It's not disrespectful if you can't get him to respond any other way. I don't know what your husband's relationship was with his mother. Perhaps she used his full name when he ignored her as he did to you when he was "playing cricket." The next time he tells you to take care of something you can't handle, pick up the phone and hire a professional. That way you won't have to inconvenience your husband.

DEAR ABBY: The owner of a store I shop at every week, who I believe is in her 40s, recently posted on her Facebook page that she was having a sale because it was her birthday. I thought it was greedy and inappropriate, as I was always taught that it's a breach of etiquette to announce that it's your birthday, especially as an adult. Am I right? Or am I reading too much into this? – Bothered In The East

DEAR BOTHERED: You are reading too much into this. There is nothing wrong about people revealing that it's their birthday. It doesn't obligate anyone to fork over anything more than their good wishes. If you decide to shop the sale, all you have to do is say, "How nice! I hope you are enjoying your special day."

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54 Promise to pay
55 Latch on to
58 Vault
59 Furrow
60 "Field of Dreams" setting
61 Horrible boss
62 Writer — Buscaglia
63 Door frame
64 Remain undecided

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5 Exclamation of dismay
6 Make mistakes
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23 Soft drink choice
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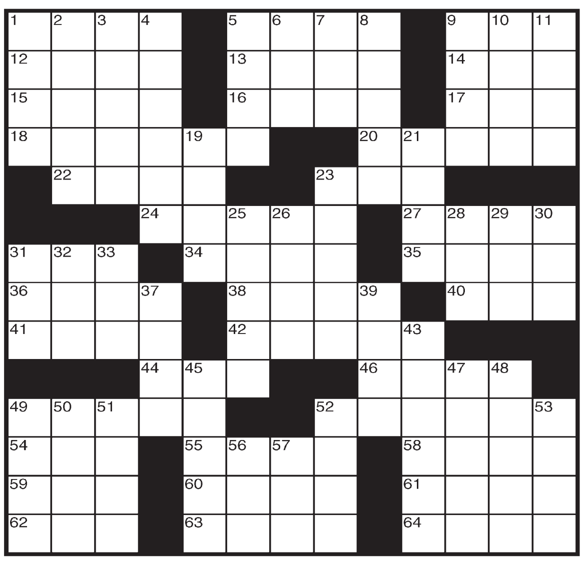

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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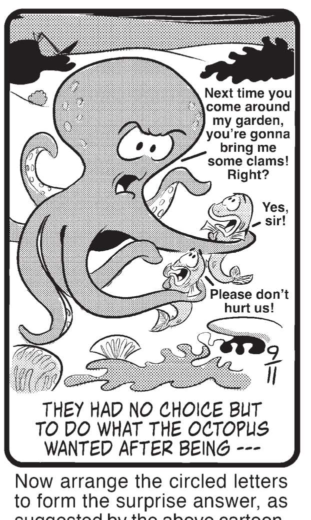

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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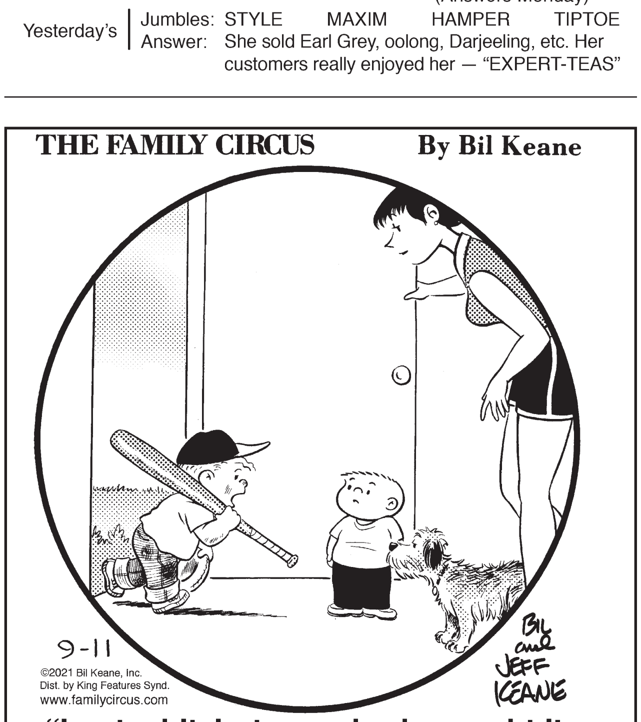
(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STYLE MAXIM HAMPER TIPTOE
Answer: She sold Earl Grey, oolong, Darjeeling, etc. Her customers really enjoyed her — "EXPERT-TEAS"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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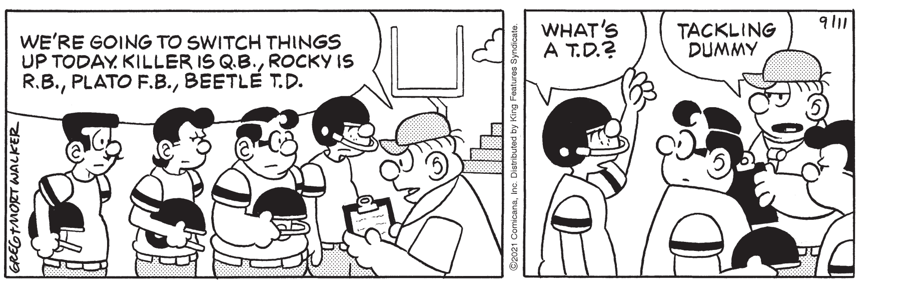
"I got a hit, but somebody caught it before it hit the ground."

BEETLE BAILEY



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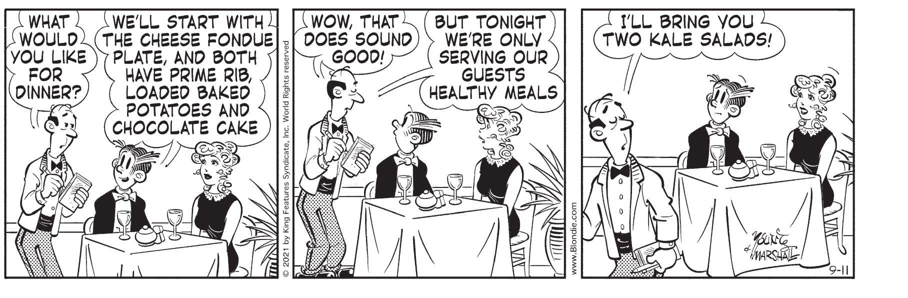

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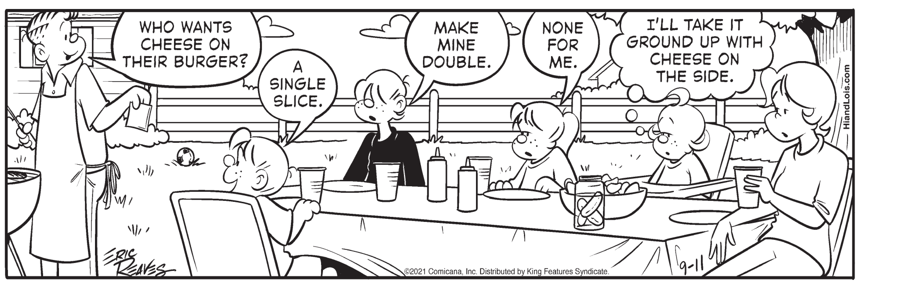

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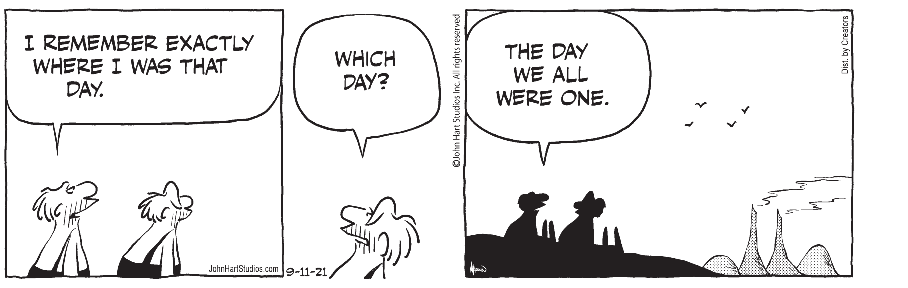

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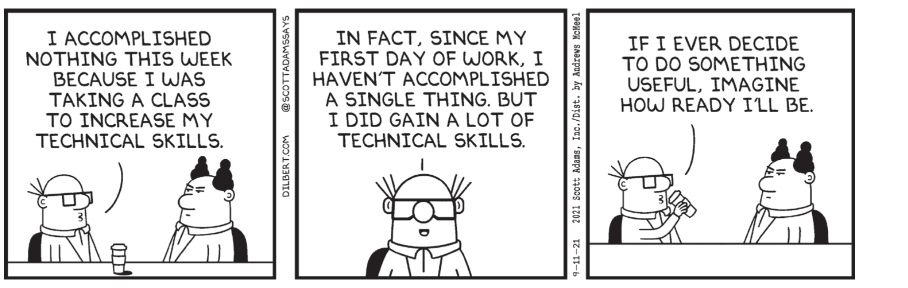

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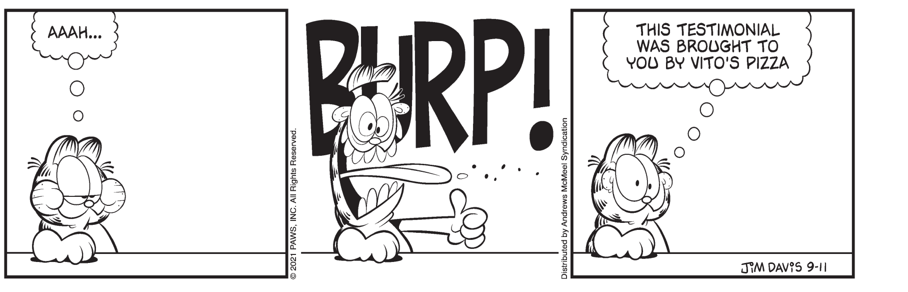

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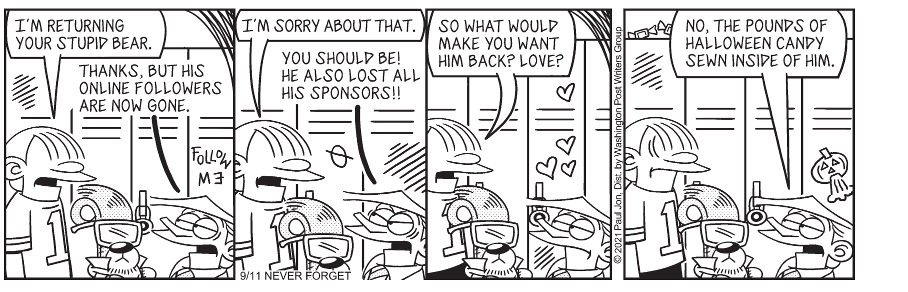
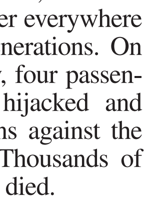


PICKLES

What does God want us to learn from tragedies like 9/11?

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Billy Graham
My Answer



Q: I home-school my children and am teaching them about the tragic events of 9/11. I was only 8, but the visions of what happened will always be in my mind. I don't want my kids just to know the tragedy, but I want them to learn from it. – A.E.

A: Sept. 11, 2001, is a date people remember everywhere and will for generations. On that terrible day, four passenger jets were hijacked and used as weapons against the United States. Thousands of innocent people died.

What does God want us to learn from tragedies like 9/11? While the full answer is hard to determine, it caused many people to turn to God for the first time, and millions came together to pray.

Tragedies have lessons. Jack Mowday served in the military as a helicopter pilot, but tragically died while falling from a hot-air balloon that had caught a high-tension wire. His wife later said that her husband knew that if he didn't survive the leap, he would be in Heaven with the Lord. Because she had that complete assurance that Jack had prepared for death, she would someday see him again. She said, "My own life has changed dramatically. … I have supernatural peace because the Lord really meets us in our times of need. Although the pain of missing Jack is very real, the comforting presence of the Lord is also very real."

One lesson God would teach us all is that our only lasting hope is in Him. Life has always been uncertain, and events like 9/11 make that clear. Only God's kingdom will never end.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"XGI GWHPILX WT GWHPUMAL MVI XGWLI OIKX SA WNVLIHJIL PY LPHIYRI MYU MKMVX: XGI LIRVIX MYYPJIVLMVPIL WT XGI GIMVX."

— G.Z. HWYFTIHHWZ

Previous Solution: "I like the idea of not everything happening between two human beings to be everyone's property." — Martin Freeman

TODAY'S CLUE: O equals K

HOW THE PLAIN DEALER REPORTED THE ATTACKS 20 YEARS AGO

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Attack on America

Terrorist attacks hit World Trade Center, Pentagon

NEW YORK (AP) — In a horrific sequence of destruction, terrorists crashed two planes into the World Trade Center and the twin 110-story towers collapsed Tuesday morning. Explosions also rocked the Pentagon and the State Department and spread fear across the nation.

The enduring symbols of American power were evacuated, the Capitol, White House and more shut down, and the nation's air traffic system ordered shut down. Billows of smoke drifted from the Pentagon over the Potomac River toward the capital.

"Terrorism against our nation will not stand," vowed President Bush. He spoke moments after two planes had flown directly into the twin World Trade Center towers in New York.

The fate of those in the skyscrapers was not immediately known. Authorities had been trying to evacuate the 50,000 people who work in the twin towers, but many were thought to be trapped.

"This is perhaps the most audacious terrorist attack that's ever taken place in the world," said Chris Yates, an aviation expert at Jane's Transport in London. "It takes a logistics operation from the terror group involved that is second to none. Only a very small handful of terror groups is on that list. ... I would name at the top of the list Osama bin Laden."

"I have a sense it's a horrendous number of lives lost," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said. "I don't know yet. Right now we have to focus on saving as many lives as possible."

President Bush ordered a full-scale investigation to "hunt down the folks who committed this act."

Within the hour, an aircraft crashed on a helicopter landing pad near the Pentagon, a car bomb exploded outside the State Department, and the West Wing of the White House was evacuated amid threats of terrorism. And another explosion rocked New York about an hour after the crash.

Authorities went on alert from coast to coast, halting all air traffic, evacuating high-profile buildings and tightening security at strategic installations.

Evacuations were ordered at the United Nations in New York and at the Sears Tower in Chicago. Los Angeles mobilized its anti-terrorism division, and security was intensified around the naval facilities in Hampton Roads, Va.

One of the planes that crashed into the Trade Center was American Airlines Flight 11, hijacked after takeoff from Boston en route to Los Angeles, the airline said.

The planes blasted fiery, gaping holes in the upper floors of the twin towers. A witness said he saw bodies falling and people jumping out. About an hour later, the southern tower collapsed with a roar and a huge cloud of smoke; the other tower fell about a half-hour after that.

Firefighters trapped in the rubble radioed for help.

"Today we've had a national tragedy," Bush said in Sarasota, Fla. "Two airplanes have crashed into the World Trade Center in an apparent terrorist attack on our country." He said he would be returning immediately to Washington.

The crashes at the World Trade Center happened minutes apart, beginning just before 9 a.m.

Heavy black smoke billowed into the sky above one of New York City's most famous landmarks, and debris rained down on the street, one of the city's busiest work areas. When the second plane hit, a fireball of flame and smoke erupted, leaving a huge hole in the glass and steel tower.

John Axisa, who was getting off a commuter train to the World Trade Center, said he saw "bod-

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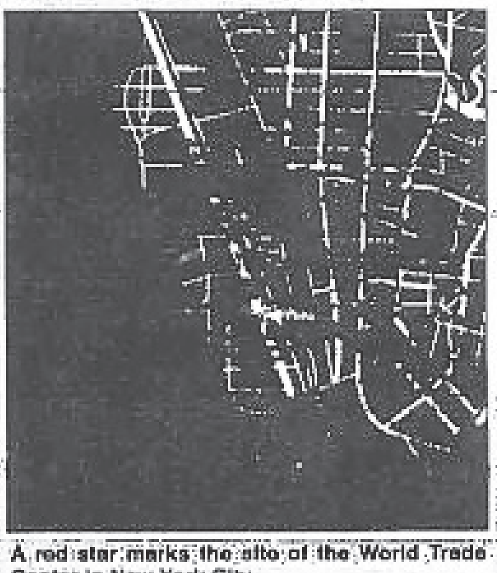
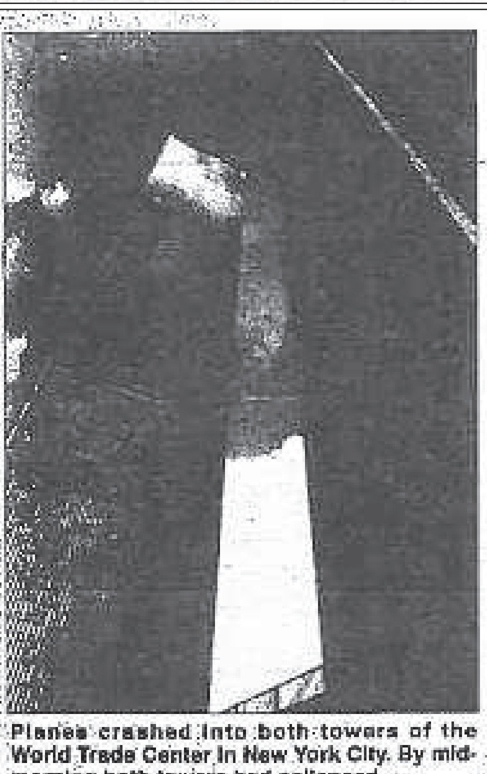
"Terrorism against our nation will not stand."
— President Bush



A red star marks the site of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Sites that were attacked



Planes crashed into both towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. By midmorning both towers had collapsed.

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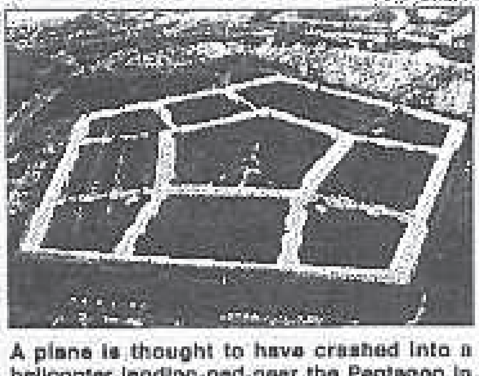

A plane is thought to have crashed into a helicopter landing pad near the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

File photo

Attack angers local residents

By SHEILA RHOADES
Plain Dealer Reporter

Reactions from citizens in and around Wabash County range from shock to disgust over this morning's terrorist attack on our nation.

"We're all traumatized by it," Mayor Arvin Copeland said of the catastrophic news. "From the public safety side, we (Fire Chief Tim Niccum and Emergency Management Director Paul Bergman) are discussing some plans for extensive training to prevent terrorism in Wabash County.

"We all hate the thought of war," he said, "but if we should find out who is responsible in the next few months, I think it certainly warrants some kind of counterattack."

Reports began to circulate throughout the area immediately following the first attack on the World Trade Center in New York City shortly before 8 a.m. Wabash time.

Wabash resident Ralph Wheeler was watching television when the attack was first aired. "I'd like to comment, but you can't print it," he said in disgust.

"Isn't that awful," Red O'Dell said. The incident has brought back memories for O'Dell, a Rochester resident, who was passing through Wabash this morning.

"I can remember when I was overseas. I stepped off a plane in France and my sergeant said, 'You're a foreigner, now.' Well, they are foreigners and they're in our country. It's heart sickening," he said. "But what can you do?"

Brad Roe, a Marion resi-

See "Reaction," Page 4A.

Prayer service planned in NM

NORTH MANCHESTER — Local churches here will have a prayer meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Manchester High School gymnasium.

The event is designed to pray for the concerns of the United States and for the victims of today's terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Wabash family recently visited Center

Steve Hentgen and his family know what the World Trade Center looks like firsthand.

The family recently returned from a summer vacation in New York City, a vacation that included a stop by the twin towers.

"They're obviously mammoth structures," Hentgen told the Plain Dealer this morning. "There are about 50,000 employees in each of those buildings."

Hentgen was stunned by the news of this morning's terrorist attack on the famous buildings.

"I was remembering when we took a tour of the city," he said. "The bus stopped right in front of the Trade Center and the guide pointed out how much security they had."

Security measures had been beefed up since the bombing of the center in February 1993.

"But I don't know how in the world you could prevent an attack like this," he added. "I'm just glad we weren't up there (today)."

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A nation reacts

Bush condemns 'acts of war'; people wonder who, why?

By the Associated Press

Even as New York hospitals began the grim accounting of the dead and injured from the airborne onslaught that toppled the World Trade Center, investigators today sought answers in Florida and elsewhere to an unspeakable question: Who could have done this?

Meanwhile, President Bush today condemned terrorist attacks in New York and Washington as "acts of war," and said he would ask Congress for money to help in the recovery and protect the nation's security.

"This will be a monumental struggle of good versus evil. But good will prevail," the president said. He said the nation was prepared to spend "whatever it takes."

New York's financial district remained closed after the attack on the twin towers and the Pentagon. The federal government said the ban on air travel would not be lifted before noon, and that it would take a while for sched-

The mayor said rescuers were still in contact with one person buried in the rubble.

The search for answers was unflagging. The focus was on Islamic terrorist Osama bin Laden, who denied involvement, though he "thanked Almighty Allah and bowed before him when he heard this news" of the attacks, according to a Palestinian journalist.

Law enforcement officials were said to be looking at possible bin Laden supporters in Florida and Massachusetts. They were aided by an intercept of communications between his Florida supporters, and harrowing cell phone calls from victims aboard the jetliners before they crashed.

The FBI executed search warrants in Davie in Broward County north of the Miami area, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale reported, quoting Miami FBI spokesman Judy Orihuela.

The FBI was also seeking search warrants in Daytona Beach, where a car was

Local motorists line up for gas at the Citgo station on Cass Street.

Plain Dealer photo by GREG DANNACHER

Attack prompts rush at gas pumps

By SHEILA RHOADES
Plain Dealer Reporter

Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon prompted long lines of vehicles at North Manchester and Wabash gas stations. Residents began getting in line around midday, carrying over into the night.

Cars and trucks clogged the streets, angering some motorists. Others seemed to be short-tempered at the pumps, prompting law enforcement officials to post off-duty officers at some stations.

ing. As of yet there is no shortages or interruption in the gas supply.

"I don't know of any reason for what happened — maybe temporary insanity," he joked.

Johnson mentioned that at one point, vehicles had lined up to the point where other cars, which had finished refueling, were unable to exit the lot. He said as a result, he was forced to close his facility down for nearly half an hour while the lot was cleared.

"New York's a major oil port, so that may have contributed to the panic, but I expect prices to fall by the first of next

Wabash woman gets close look at NY attack

By ROBERT BRYAN
Plain Dealer Reporter

Tuesday's surrealistic nightmare of destruction in the East impacted every group differently.

A former Wabash resident, Christina Mackowski Egts was among those close enough to experience first hand something of the breathtaking horror, but far enough away to feel no personal danger.

Close enough to worry about friends and co-workers who might be in harm's way, but far enough away to experience only relatively minor inconveniences from the most devastating terrorist attack in the nation's history.

Mrs. Egts, an employee of a Fort Wayne marketing firm, was at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick, N.J. when things began happening. She and dozens of others were in the area, at four locations, to help the automaker Audi introduce a new model.

She was busy at registration when a fellow worker informed her breathlessly a plane had hit the World Trade Center.

When convinced he wasn't putting her on, she said she struggled with disbelief, then realized something extraordinary: "I said, 'I can see those (towers) from my room,' so we ran upstairs."

Though an hour and a half drive from that part of Manhattan, Mrs. Egts and the others could see from her hotel room the towers on the skyline.

"All we could see was smoke coming from the trade center," she said.

For the next excruciating couple of hours, she and the

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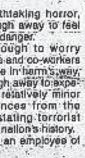

EGTS

A terrorist act on New York's twin towers

In a horrific sequence of destruction, terrorists crashed two planes into the 110-story World Trade Center towers, causing them to collapse Tuesday morning.

1. Shortly before 9 a.m., a plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center, tearing open a massive hole in its side.

2. Moments later, a second plane was spotted flying over the Hudson River on a collision course with the second tower.

3. The plane crashed into the south tower, causing flames and smoke to shoot out the other side.

4. About an hour after the attack, the top of the south tower collapsed. The north tower collapsed about a half hour after that.

SOURCES: NBC; compiled from AP wire reports

Red Cross seeks help for victims

Following the tragic events in New York and Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, and to meet the demand for blood in these areas, the American Red Cross is stressing the importance of a continuous blood supply.

The group has received an overwhelming response from the community wanting to donate blood. Hundreds of donors have flocked to Red Cross donation sites and made appointments to donate blood.

The Red Cross is anticipating an increased need for blood and monetary donations and encourage those interested in helping to

See "Help," Page 3A.

American Flag poster coming in Thursday's Plain Dealer

To help Wabash County residents show their patriotism in this time of national emergency, the Wabash Plain Dealer on Thursday will publish a poster with an American Flag.

The flag can be hung on your door, in your window or anywhere else to show your patriotism.

Look for it only in the Plain Dealer.

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TOP: This was the front page of the Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 edition of the Wabash Plain Dealer.
LEFT: This was the front page of the Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001 edition of the Wabash Plain Dealer.
Provided photos by Ware Wimberly / Wabash Carnegie Public Library

Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

♿ **Sweetwater Assembly of God,** 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

♿ **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church,** 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

♿ **St. Bernard Catholic Church,** corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. Face masks and social distancing required.

♿ **St. Patrick's Catholic Church,** Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

♿ **Christian Heritage Church,** 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

♿ **Church of Christ,** Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

♿ **Wabash Church of the Brethren,** 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus… Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

♿ **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),** 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

♿ **Wabash Friends Church,** 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

♿ **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ,** 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

♿ **North Manchester United Methodist Church,** 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

♿ **Richvalley United Methodist Church,** 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

GOD & TIME

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Time marks the beginning of life. It measures the growth of our bodies. It provides opportunity for our work and play. It reveals to us our human limitations, and then, one day, time leaves us behind. But God is the origin of life; He measures the growth of our souls. He provides our strength and forgives our weakness and reveals His infinite love. If we follow Him, God will lead us on, even beyond the circle of time. Make time for God this week at your house of worship.

Daily Devotional Reading

Luke	1 Cor.	1 Cor.	1 Cor.	Psalm	Psalm	Proverbs
17:1-10	1:1-17	1:18-31	2:1-16	19	37	1:1-33

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